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A Message from our Chapter President

Members,

It is scary times that we are living in right now, and I hope that all of us, as well as our families are healthy, and all stay healthy. 2020 will be remembered in the history books as the year of the plague as past years have.

The officers and board members have taken all of this into consideration and because of our ages, have concluded that it is best to cancel our April meeting. Please keep checking and reading your emails for any other events being canceled by our chapter.

Our secretary has gotten out the new slate of officers. Please remember that if anyone wishes to run for office they should submit their name to Steve. If we don't have a meeting in May voting will be done via email. If there are any members that you know of that don't have access to email please contact me with their phone numbers so I can call them.

Currently our committee heads are thinking about different alternatives for our Community Service Day, Scholarship Dinner, and Golf Outing. Please read your emails for further announcements.

Stay safe and healthy until we meet again.

Ciao,
Carmen



April Birthdays

04-03 Steve Pelonero
 04-16 Michael D'Antuono
 04-27 Bruce Ponchak

Photo Albums

All of our chapter events pictures can be seen on our website.

Additional pictures from our "NJ IV District" and also a lot from our "UNICO National" events can also be seen on their websites.

www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org

www.UNICO.org

www.UNICO-NJdistrictIV.4mg.com

Food Pantry

Please don't forget about our UNICO Phil Arena Food Pantry ... Your non-perishable donation will help restock it

You can bring it directly to the pantry in the basement of Holy Angels Church ... or to any chapter meeting

Upcoming Events – Local and National

April 8 ... 2nd Wednesday ... Monthly Meeting is "CANCELLED"

April 25 ... Saturday ... UNICO National Community Service Day ... **TENTATIVELY ON HOLD ... Our Service Above Self will be helping our Food Pantries ... At ShopRite, Little Falls ... From 7 am – 4 pm**

June 15 ... Monday ... Our Annual Chapter Golf Outing ... **More information will follow**

July 22, 23, 24, 25 ... Wednesday through Saturday ... The 98th Annual UNICO National Convention ... Fort Myers, Sanibel Harbour Beach Marriott ... The Convention Flier is on page 8 of this newsletter

April 5



April 12



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Did you know that if you are reading this newsletter online, that you can click here < **Where is your family heritage from in Italy** >

When there, just fill in your **last name** in the box next to the word "**Trova**"  
 You will then see where most of your family names reside in Italy  
 The same works for the USA if you follow the links

## Below are our UNICO's CORE VALUES

If you know of someone who has them or  
 If you know of someone who would like to help us make a difference  
 Please invite them to a meeting and possibly have them  
 join our chapter as a new member

- U – Unity**
  - N – Neighborliness**
  - I – Integrity**
  - C – Charity**
  - O – Opportunity**
- "Service Above Self"**



## Italian Demographics

There are 20 regions in Italy. Which one is your heritage from?

- Abruzzo
- Basilicata
- Calabria
- Campania
- Emilia-Romagna
- Griuli-Venezia Giuli
- Latium (Lazio)
- Liguria
- Lombardia
- Marche
- Molise
- Piemonte
- Puglia (Apulia)
- Sardegna (Sardinia)
- Sicialia (Sicily)
- Toscana (Tuscany)
- Trentino-Alto Adige ...
- ... (Trentino-South Tyrol)
- Umbria
- Valle d'Aosta ...
- ... (Aosta Valley)
- Veneto

## ComUNICO

You can now read the Com-UNICO magazine online, just by clicking on the cover page below



## Who's Who

### Our 2019-2020 Executive Board

|                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| President .....               | Carmen Gaita Jr. |
| 1st Vice President .....      | Eileen Wood      |
| 2nd Vice President .....      | Pat Ligouri      |
| Treasurer .....               | Bruce Ponchak    |
| Recording Secretary .....     | Steve Pelonero   |
| Sgt. At-Arms .....            | Dominick Bucci   |
| Corresponding Secretary ..... | John Morano      |

### Our 2019-2020 Board of Directors

|                   |                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Bruce Ponchak     | Chapter President | 2016 & 2017 |
| John Barbieri     | Chapter President | 2014 & 2015 |
| Robert Appaluccio | Chapter President | 2012 & 2013 |
| Steve Pelonero    | Chapter President | 2010 & 2011 |
| Carmen Criscione  | Chapter President | 2008 & 2009 |
| Angelo Verrone    | Chapter President | 2006 & 2008 |

### Our 2019-2020 Chapter Delegates

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| President Carmen Gaita Jr ... | 55 Members (President +3) |
| ..... Delegate Dominick Bucci |                           |
| ..... Delegate Jean Chomko    |                           |
| ..... Delegate Eileen Wood    |                           |

### Fundraising Committee Heads

|                                            |                   |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Beefsteak .....                            | Joe Benvenuti     |
| Golf Outing .....                          | Joe Barone        |
| Holiday Donations .....                    | Robert Appaluccio |
| Overseas Armed Service Care Packages ..... | Pat Corrado       |

### Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

|                                                      |                                   |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Christmas Tree Lighting w/ Candy Cane Giveaway ..... | Joe Agresti PNP                   |
| Community Service Day (April) .....                  | Chuck Russo                       |
| Easter Egg Hunt w/Breakfast .....                    | Joe Agresti PNP / Patrick Ligouri |
| Food Pantry .....                                    | Roni Corrado                      |
| Good and Welfare .....                               | Sal Nocella                       |
| Membership .....                                     | John Barbieri                     |
| Newsletter .....                                     | Steve Pelonero                    |
| Scholarship / Brian Piccolo .....                    | Chuck Russo Study Abroad          |
| College/Italian Study Abroad Grants .....            | Joseph Agresti PNP                |
| Website .....                                        | Steven Pelonero / John Barbieri   |

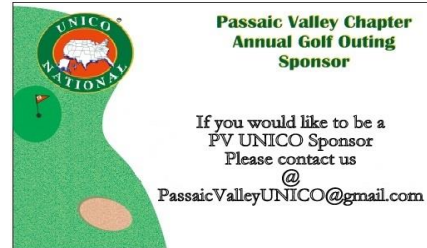
## Committee Comments

Would you like to be on a committee?  
 Would you like to be a chapter officer?  
 Do you have a Fundraising idea?

Please step up and  
 Serve our Chapter, our Community  
 and UNICO National

Keep us strong

Let more people know what we do



Do you know of some who would like to sponsor our UNICO Chapter?

For just \$100.00 for the year, it gets them in this newsletter and on our chapter website for our entire UNICO year.

Please contact us via our chapter email: [PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com](mailto:PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com)  
 Or use our website to fill out the online form [www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org](http://www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org)

### Community Service Day

Please see the next page (Page 5)  
 It will give you all the details of our Annual Community Service Day

### Please support our UNICO Charities

#### National

Armed Services ~ Calendar ~ Columbus Day

#### Foundation

21<sup>st</sup> century ~ Anti-Bias ~ Cancer Research & Prevention  
 Cooley's Anemia ~ Italian Studies ~ Mental Health  
 Scholarships ~ Torraco Food Bank/Shelter

# Annual Food Drive Notice



A reminder that our annual Food Drive will be held on Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>, at the Little Falls ShopRite. The success of the Food Drive is dependent upon chapter members who give at least a couple of hours to collect and help distribute food that day.

We expect to be at ShopRite entrances and exits from approximately 7:30 AM (set up) to approximately 4PM (we will stop soliciting between 3 and 3:15 but will continue collecting until about 4PM as the remaining solicited customers exit the store).

**This is a Rain or Shine Event**—there is no rain date. If the weather is really bad, we will do the best we can.

A number of chapter members have signed the volunteer list to participate that day. My most sincere thanks. If you are not yet on that list and are willing to help, please let me know as soon as possible. I will be putting together a tentative schedule based on indicated preferred times of those who have already signed up. We have been and will continue to be very flexible as far as scheduling. You are always welcome to stay more than an hour or two.

If your status changes, even up to that day, let me know and adjustments can be made – as long as we have at least 4 or 5 people there at all times.

As in the past, anyone who can stay for most, or all of the day, is extremely valuable to the cause.

We also need more copies of our “shopping list”. If you have access to a copy machine and can run off some copies, it would be greatly appreciated. I will have “masters” at the chapter meeting

Further discussion and guidelines at our April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting at Francesco’s in Woodland Park.

Many thanks to our chapter members for all the great things our chapter does, including this annual food drive.

Please contact me at [chazzru@msn.com](mailto:chazzru@msn.com) or my cell, 973-303-8659, to volunteer or with any questions or status changes.

Ciao

Chuck

## *UNICO National's 98<sup>th</sup> National Convention*



### *Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa*



*July 22nd, 23rd, 24th, and 25th, 2020 ~ \$169.00 per night*

*17260 Harbour Pointe Drive ~ Fort Myers, FL 33908*



- *Thirty Five Minutes from Fort Myers Airport (RSW)*

- *Six Onsite Dining Choices*

*Tarpon House ~ Casual American Dining*

*Courtside Steakhouse ~ Fine Dining*

*Sanibel Harbour Princess Yacht ~ Views of Sanibel and Fort Myers while you relax and eat*

*Charley's Cabana Bar ~ Appetizers and Cocktails*

*Palm Court Bakery ~ Starbucks Coffee and Pastries*

*The Cove ~ Poolside Restaurant*

- *On premise: Spa ~ Fitness Center ~ Three Pools*

*Famiglia ~ La nostra famiglia UNICO lavoriamo insieme*

*Family ~ Our UNICO family working together*



## *It's Never Too Late*

*We will advertise your name for an entire UNICO year  
(See pages 9, 10, 11, 12)*

The advertisement is enclosed in a black rectangular border. On the left side, there is a green graphic of a golf course with a hole and a flag. At the top left of this graphic is the UNICO National logo, which consists of a green circle containing a red circle with a white map of the United States and the words 'UNICO NATIONAL' around it. To the right of the graphic, the text 'Passaic Valley Chapter' is written in a bold, green, sans-serif font. Below that, the word 'Sponsor' is written in a bold, green, sans-serif font. In the center, the text 'If you would like to be a PV UNICO Sponsor Please contact us @ PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com' is written in a black, serif font. The '@' symbol is centered above the email address.

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**About UNICO** ~ UNICO is the largest Italian American Service Organization in the United States  
Unity, Neighborliness, Integrity, Charity, Opportunity

UNICO was founded on October 10, 1922 in Waterbury, Connecticut. A group of 15 men, led by Dr. Anthony P. Vastola, came together to create what has become a very special and very proud organization. It was Dr. Vastola's dream to create an Italian American service organization to engage in charitable works, support higher education, and perform patriotic deeds. Our motto is "*Service Above Self*".

Each year, the UNICO Foundation and the UNICO National Chapters across the country donate approximately \$1 million to various charities. Scholarships continue to be the primary focus of UNICO, as roughly one-third of all monies raised goes to deserving students from all of the chapter locations throughout the chain.

UNICO National has funded major research in Cooley's Anemia and Mental Health. Through its association with the Jimmy Valvano Foundation it has funded over 10, \$50,000 grants to help find a cure for Cancer. These worthy areas continue to receive generous support from the chapters and its members for these worthy causes.

If you would like to attend one of our meetings to see if you might be interested in joining UNICO, please contact us through any member, or through our email. We would be honored to have you as a member of our Passaic Valley UNICO Chapter.



**April ~ aprile**

**It's a new UNICO Year For Us**

**A thanks to our 2019-2020 Sponsors and Supporters**

**It's Never Too Late to Help**

< Just ask any chapter member for more information on how you can also help >



**Our 2019-2020 Gold Sponsor**  
**Senator Kristen M. Corrado**

**Our 2019-2020 Silver Sponsor**  
**Murph's Tavern**

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# Never Ending Support and Giving Back

## To our Passaic Valley Towns




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
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

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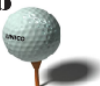
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